

REMARKS

This second preliminary amendment has been prepared to designate claims 1 and 2 as “original” instead of “previously presented,” in accordance with the notice of non-compliant amendment dated December 19, 2005. Claim 5 is now designated as “previously presented” instead of “currently amended,” and claim 6 is now designated as “previously presented” instead of “new.” This is deemed appropriate since the last sentence of the notice implies that, in view of this timely response, the previous preliminary amendment will be entered. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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